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THE CHAIRMAN, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY

SUBJECT: National Policy on Telecommunications and Automated
Information Systems Security

Enclosed for your review is a proposed draft NSDD to replace
the current PD/NSC-24, Telecommunications Protection Policy,
16 November 1977.

As noted in the findings of the Senior Interagency Group/
Intelligence NSSD-2 Countermeasures Organization Study, July 1983,

a new directive to replace PD/NSC-24 must provide a stable, broad-based organizational framework for developing and overseeing policy in this technical countermeasures area on behalf of the National Security Council and the President. It must establish a mechanism for evaluating the overall effectiveness of programs and resources and for establishing national priorities and effective levels of investment. The new directive should address protection of systems handling classified and other sensitive information against unauthorized electronic access or intercept. Finally, it should consolidate executive agent responsibilities and correspondingly assure that executive agent authorities are commensurate with responsibilities so as to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of policy administration.

The proposed NSDD accommodates these important goals. In addition, it explicitly combines telecommunications security and automated information systems security under a single national policy umbrella. This combination represents a significant enhancement of the PD-24 policy structure and is predicated on the Nation's need to assure equivalent and compatible security policies, standards, and postures in telecommunications and automated information systems as the technologies of the two disciplines continue to converge. The proposed structure seeks to assure full participation and synergy among existing centers of technical expertise throughout the Executive Branch, to promote a coherent and coordinated defense against the hostile threat, and to foster an appropriate partnership between government and the private sector in attaining these goals. It is

intended to replace both the PD-24 Interagency Group for Telecommunications Protection (IG/TP) and the National COMSEC Committee (NCSC).

It is expected that continuing advances in technology will influence the implementation and future direction of policy in this critical area. Accordingly, the NSDD itself is framed to accommodate the possibility of changes in either direction or structure as experience is gained and national needs dictate.

A preliminary working group meeting on the enclosed draft has been scheduled for _____ October 1983 in _____, at _____. Please designate a representative to attend this session and act as your point of contact for ensuing coordination actions. The names of working group representatives should be provided to Mr. Ken deGraffenreid at 395-3334.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

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